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Happy 99th Birthday!

Daisy Sims celebrated her 99th birthday last Saturday, having been born in Wallis on June 1, 1886. She's still pretty active and said she feels pretty good too. Recently she was presented the courage for her more than 40 years of mission work, which she still enjoys. She is the only surviving member of her family. Her parents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Cherry, and was one of twelve children. Her husband is the late Anthony Sims, and they had two sons, the late Johnny Lee Sims and the late James Albert Sims. She joined the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at a very early age, she said, and for the past 70 years has been a member of the Greater Rising Star Baptist Church. The late Rev. Walter Taley was pastor when she joined, she said, and the Rev. Ollie Scott now is pastor. She still attends Sunday School and Services. She has nine grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, 16 great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Dr. Jose Ugarte said she is his oldest patient.

Rice disease sessions Friday

Area rice producers will have an opportunity to receive "hands on" training in foliar rice plant disease evaluation during two field sessions this Friday, June 7. Eagle Lake area producers will meet at 10 a.m. under the canopy of Eagle Lake Community Center prior to leaving the field training sites. Garwood area producers will meet at 3 p.m. at the Texas Seed Company office prior to leaving to the field training sites.

Waldrop, Obenhaus honored by rice growers at annual meeting, dinner

Doyle Waldrop and Donald Obenhaus were honored last week by the Eagle Lake Division of the American Rice Growers Association during the annual meeting and barbecue dinner at the Community Center. As a part of the program, David Wintermann gave a brief history of the local American Rice Growers Association since its organization in 1939. He then recognized the two men for their years of service to local farmers. Waldrop began grading rice in 1945 in Beaumont. He moved his family here to become the rice grader for the local association in 1951. Obenhaus began his work as sales manager for the local office in 1965. Wintermann congratulated the two for their many years of outstanding service, then presented each with an appropriately inscribed plaque. Mrs. Virginia Waldrop and Mrs. Mary Obenhaus also were recognized and presented a lovely green plant. Lanny Powers presided at the business meeting, with more than 100 members and guests attending. He introduced the program for the evening, Si Grider and Curtis Leonhardt of the Rice Council office in Houston conducted an informative slide presentation on marketing of rice. Following the meeting, coffee and German chocolate cake were served.

New VFW officers to take posts

Newly elected officers of the Rice Area Memorial VFW Post 8783 will take office next month, according to Melvin Stanek, who has been post commander for the past two years.

R.J. Armstrong will be the new commander, with Wilfred Luedecke the senior vice commander and J.B. Riley the junior vice commander. Other new officers for next year include Stanek as 3-year trustee, Harry Supak as two-year trustee and Tommy Pilkington as one-year trustee; Ed Schindler will be surgeon.

Teachers, school board hold open discussions on salaries, contracts

A standing room only crowd of Rice school district teachers confronted the school board of trustees Monday night in another marathon session, questioning actions on their contract, and lack of action on their salaries. The district adopted a new teacher contract this year, Supt. King said, to give the district a "standard" contract comparable to other districts. The teachers questioned one clause that indicated the district could cancel the contract if funding was decreased, and another clause that said it could be canceled for good cause. A third question concerned a clause that explained the contract was for a specified term only and did not grant a teacher a job in the district "for life."

Expressing the concerns of the teachers, Jack Grammer addressed the board at its regular meeting that originally

was scheduled June 10. He questioned three paragraphs in their newly revised contract, then questioned the board's action from its May 13 meeting when trustees voted down a salary increase.

The operator of the landfill where the city dumps your garbage will not change his order that increases the dump charge from \$125 per yard to \$300, mayor Elmer Struss told city council last week. The owner of Sprint Waste Management of Houston, which last year raised the price from 75-cents to the \$125, told Struss and Columbus that Richard Heffley that the \$300 price stands. However, Struss told council that the owner, Mr. Swinbank, did agree to give the city a 10-cent per yard discount if the Sprint bill is paid promptly. Swinbank told the mayors that if his company can't charge the \$3, then the dump would be closed. With the cities agreeing to pay that price, Swinbank agreed to a three-year contract with a small cost of living clause requested by Struss. He told council that clause would keep Sprint from doubling or tripling the price again next year. The contract does not require the city to pay a "minimum charge," therefore, the city will not be penalized if it stops using the Sprint sight, and switches landfill sights.

Because of the gigantic cost increase, Eagle Lake and Columbus have agreed to work together and talk with other waste companies. City manager Robert Klockman said several other companies have expressed interest, and he has scheduled meetings with those. In other business, council discussed the City Airport, as well as the application for a \$500,000 grant for improvements in the "Rice Mill" area of the city. Council approved the submission of the grant that will be reviewed by a committee of the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Chairman of that committee is Colorado County Judge Lester Crane. The

Council also agreed to hear an ordinance setting a 30 MPH speed limit on Fraser St. Mayor Struss said lower speed limits have been denied for other city streets, but that council should consider approving this request because it was a very unusual situation. Fraser St. makes a loop around a trailer park. Heard a report from councilman Joe Duncan concerning his committee's work on establishing certain codes for work done in the city. He said they will consider adopting an electrical code first, and meet on that subject this week. Heard a report from Klockman on the sewer system installation in the Campbell Road area. He said he thinks residents there can hooked up and will be flushing toilets by end of June.

Councilman Mike Duarte asked about the condition of the stands at the city ball park. Wood was removed from one of the two sets of bleachers because it was unsafe.

County takes action for road work

The county accepted bids on materials to be used this summer in road work, and purchased a new motor-grader at its meetings last month. An El Campo company won the bid for asphalt, prime oil and rock spreading. Commissioners estimate that seven miles of new roads will be built in precinct one and two miles will be seal coated. In precinct two, 2.1 miles of new road and six for seal coating; precinct three, eight miles new roads and no seal coating; and precinct four estimates four miles of new roads will be built, and two miles will be seal coated.

As for the salaries, several board members explained that the vote in May not to increase salaries was not a vote against the teachers. He said that at that time, the board was concerned about the district's revenues for the 1985-86 school year, and wanted to consider a raise after it had better knowledge about future revenue resources. Monday, the county central appraisal district told the board that the tax base would shrink by an estimated \$11 million for next year, decreasing school revenues by about \$700,000. The district's tax base has been on a roller coaster since 1981, and until Monday, the board was afraid it was on another giant downward slide—some fear of the top ten taxpayers in the district are gravel pits, and the others are oil companies. "There definitely will be a tax increase next year," Balas said. But the question remains as to how much. A one-cent increase in the tax rate will yield about \$35,000 in increased local revenues.

Near the end of the discussion, Thomas asked the group why there were so many concerns and questions about the contracts and salaries. Urging them to talk about such problems with principals and the superintendent's office, he said, "We have to build a better mode of communications in the future." After the two hour question and answer session, the board called an executive session for more than an hour. When they opened the session to the public again, Reggie Brisco made a motion that the district return to a state-base payroll system, and add \$2,000 to that base for the 1985-86 school year. The motion received unanimous approval, and was not discussed further. Most of the teachers remained to hear the vote. Because the district last year did not follow the nearly standard practice of state-base plus local increase, the increase this year for some teachers will range from \$280 to \$2,140. Last year, when the state granted the mandated \$1,700 increase to each teacher, some Rice district teachers earned more than they would have had the district

After a 10-minute second executive session to discuss teacher resignations and applications, the board approved the resignations of Bill Atkins, hand director; Steve Carroll, coach and teacher at Rice High School; and Sherry Gerke at the Eagle Lake Primary School. They hired local residents Christina Castle Moody to teach first grade at Eagle Lake Primary, and Vernice Parker for special ed. at Garwood, Iowa teacher Gary McNeal was hired to replace Coach Carroll at the high school, and Donald Wild Jr., who will teach history and coach at Rice High.

The board also then voted a five percent salary increase for administrators and lunchroom workers, a flat \$1,140 increase for counselors, and created a \$12,000 pool of funds administrators can use for salary increases when it reviews the performance of other personnel such as aides, maintenance workers and clerks.

When it could pay for the machine. However, Wickie said the county will pay her in in.

Information on pool burglary needed
 The office at the just-opened swimming pool here was burglarized Friday night when one or more persons knocked out the plywood covering to the office window. According to the Eagle Lake police department report, the burglary was discovered about 9:20 a.m. Saturday morning. A radio and cassette player, diving masks, whistles, sunglasses, soft drinks and about \$100 worth of candy were taken. Police chief Ben Johnson asks that anyone with any information about the burglary please call the police department at 234-5777. Callers will not have to identify themselves, he said.